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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 30, 2001, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to an electronic package, classified in class 361, subclass 748. This election is made with traverse. Claims 9-11 are drawn to a non-elected invention identified as Group II and drawn to a method of making an electronic package classified in class 438, subclass 106.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-11 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and

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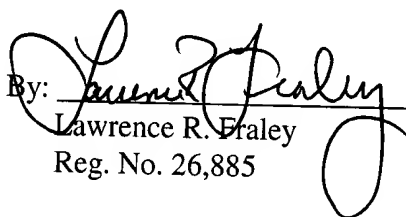
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examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicants prior to examination or if the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact the undersigned collect, at the telephone number provided below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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